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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

**Dan Sanchez**

Examiner: Doerrler, William Charles

Application No.: 09/675,824

Art Group: 3744

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For: **HEART STABILIZER SUPPORT  
ARM**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 25, 2002, please amend the above-entitled application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 11 and 16 as follows.

- 1 1. (Twice Amended) A support arm assembly, comprising:
- 2 a table mount;
- 3 an arm coupled to said table mount;
- 4 an end effector coupled to said arm, said end effector having a jaw member coupled to
- 5 a spring; and,
- 6 a heart stabilizer held by said jaw member of said end effector without actuation of
- 7 any fasteners.